

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 2, 2010

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 99**

**Introduced by Senator Strickland**

**(Coauthors: Senators Cox and Wiggins)**

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*Ma*, and Monning)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99—Relative to Lupus Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 99, as amended, Strickland. Lupus Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim October 2010 as Lupus Awareness Month and would wish Lupus International every success in the future.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Systematic Lupus Erythematosus, commonly  
2 known as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often life-threatening  
3 autoimmune disease; and

4 WHEREAS, Researchers estimate that over five million people  
5 have been diagnosed with lupus or related diseases in the United  
6 States throughout the world, and approximately 100,000 more are  
7 diagnosed every year; and

8 WHEREAS, More people have lupus than AIDS, Cerebral Palsy,  
9 Sickle Cell Anemia, and Cystic Fibrosis combined; and

10 WHEREAS, Lupus strikes women in their prime, when they  
11 are 16 to 45 15 to 44 years of age, and it affects all aspects of their  
12 lives; and

1 WHEREAS, Lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient,  
2 it affects their family, friends, coworkers, employers, and the  
3 community; and

4 WHEREAS, Lupus International was founded in 1983 as a  
5 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The primary purpose of the  
6 foundation is to alleviate suffering for lupus patients through  
7 patient services, early detection of undiagnosed cases through  
8 awareness promotion, and to eradicate lupus by supporting lupus  
9 research; and

10 WHEREAS, Lupus International offers the leading pediatric  
11 services for children with lupus; and

12 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatments ~~is~~ *are* critical  
13 to the improvement of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus  
14 sufferers; and

15 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness, education, and research  
16 are key to winning the battle against lupus; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims October 2010  
19 to be Lupus Awareness Month and wishes Lupus International  
20 every success in the future; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
22 this resolution to Lupus International and to the author for  
23 appropriate distribution.